The Trip Back by Way of Udong and

the Cambodia.

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NWARD from Ancor our way lay across a wide stretch of marsh and jungle, through which by incessant labor we tore our path in three days, and but for the sagacity of our elephants would have been there until to-day. On the second afternoon we reached a point beyond which the elephants would not pass, even after terrible punishment. The horses were tried, and

they advanced some hundred feet, when the whole bottom seemed to fall out of the marsh, and borses and men disappeared in a terrible sink hole of mud, from which only by the greatest exertion we managed to draw them. Kroli, who now realized on what sort of ground we were, changed our direction, and through Phra Sri explained that we must be on or near the north shore of the Great Lake, Rien-ho, in the northwestern part of Cambodia, where the whole surface rested on a mud-andwater ioundation. If our elephants once got in they were lost, for the banks would not permit their huge weight to clamber up.

That night we reached some firmer ground. We doubled the guards, as there were plenty of tiger tracks all around. Early the next day we got away, making for the higher land, as three cases of fever had broken out among the

That forenoon we had a taste of tiger, for a buge brute sprang upon our elephant's flank swing of his trunk picked up the furious ani- suit us, but we had to put up with a good deal | modesty had never been cultivated. mai and threw him to the ground. The tiger of i rose and once more sprang, but was caught in mid-air and harled back to earth. It had had enough, but we had not, and three shots fired from the howdah laid him out. Leaving the men to take the skin we pursued

our way, and at dark camped on a hillside, from which we could see the mountain toward which, when daylight came, we found to be



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rather a great mud-hole than a lake. The northern third is simply mud, the lower third a fine sheet of water, and the rest mursh, mud and snakes. The two chains of hills at the south act as a dam, and the Cambodia River takes its rise principally from this sink, a parrow gorge having been washed out. Here in flood times there must be a swift and deep current, but at this, the middle of the dry meason, it was BRALLOW AND BLUGGISH.

Two days more brought us to the outlet of the lake, and without much difficulty we got our elephants to wade and swim across. We were now in more trouble from our sick men than from the difficulties of the route. Seven were ill, one had died and two more were likely to follow. As yet mone of the leaders had succumbed, although Jack complained of high temperature and chills-"a little touch of my old friend the Chagres," he called it.

On the following day we began to go up rapidly, and on the noon of the second since crossing had reached an altitude of 2,000 feet. Here I made Krob form camp, and for three days. doed everybody with quinine until our heads spon. One more died and then all seemed to have taken a new lease of life. So we broke comp and crossing the mountain pass pressed on toward Udong.

We had now entered the Tran Caco district, in which the city is, and we might now expect to meet natives. We had been 22 days in the wilderness and had seen not a human being ginee we turned our backs on our Amazons. Kroh seemed anxious to meet some of them, and acknowledged that he had forgotten just

the best track and wanted to get the directions. from some natives. But none appeared, and when we camped on the third evening we could see the smoke rising from what Kroh said was the city we sought.

And so it proved. At noon, with royal Siamese and American flags floating in the breeze, we would out of the jungle upon the startled gaze of the Cambodians, who to the besting of drams quickly formed for defense, and soon mustered over a thousand soldiers. Phra Sri soon undecrived them, and we were led to the palace grounds and assigned to a place near the royal mansion, which was a rather sulpous mud edifice, somewhat pretentious, but going

Our tents were pitched and all settled down for the rest of the day. Phra Sri made the necessary diplomatic arrangements for an audience with the King. On the following morning we mounted our elephants and were escorted by all our little company to the entrance to the reception hall, where he found the King, Queen and a young boy, the son, dressed in their best, surrounded by all the court.

The King had on the uniform of a French maval Captain, but the cost was small, the trousers short, so that, shirtless and sockless, a wide expanse of dirty bare skin was visible. The Queen had on a much-ruffled silk dress and lace scarf, and a huge lace bonnet; but as she

EAT ON THE THRONE with legs crossed, the fact that she had on no stockings or shoes was very evident. The Prince was nude except a Simmese sirong and numerous bracelets and necklaces of frosted gutters going up and down the incline. The beaded gold. The court people were in the poor use thatch of rice straw, bamboo or palm native costume of a sirong. Some few of the leaf, with poles at intervals up and down to older ones were long black gowns, like the keep the high winds from blowing it off. The

Phra Sri did all the talking, with the result a central court, and had awnings which cut off that the King promised to get us boats and all the sun. The rooms were all open, windows send a guard with us down the river. Some and doors seemingly not being used. The wives, presents were now brought in and given in the servants, guests each had their proper part, name of the Siamese King. The talk lasted and while visible to each other, custom kept fully four hours, during which time tea and | them in their own quarters.

aweetments were served several times. At last Phra informed us of the result, and come over to the general reception room and having bowed politely to the King and Queen lounge around in big bamboo extension chairs beer, when, without my seeing him, a fellow we marched out, mounted our elephants and or hammocks, watching us with curious eyes. came up behind me and smashed a beer mug

came without escort, made themselves at home, | mouths repulsive. Their faces had more of a asked questions, examined our things, espe- | Chinese cast than the Siamese, and their comcially the instruments; sat for photos, and plexions were much darker. drank a glass of champagne.

They seemed quite struck by my long, red | town, and were, as the guests of the Governor, beard. All these Indo-Chinese seemed aston- well treated. The women, however, were imished at the color, and niways asked to touch | pertinently familiar, taking hold of our clothes, it. They would then examine their fingers to touching our hands and faces, and pulling our see if the color came off. It was late when they hair. The adults all were clothed, but the left us, and we were quite ready for bed. The children up to 14 ran about nude, and as a weather was hot, the air humid, and we had crowd of them followed us everywhere the been dressed in our civilized clothes all day.

In the morning we made our preparations for

Provided with two new boats and some boat-

bottomed things, with one end covered by a friends and began threading a perfect labymat cover We took two boats and four rowers | rinth of small streams and canals. The counfor each, besides the steersman. Jack, Phra try was flat and comparatively open. Fully a Sri and I were in one, with some of our lug- third of it was under cultivation. Little vilgage. The rest were with Kroh and Ki in the lages and single houses were quite common. other and leading boat. In the evening we had a talk with our Siamese, gave them some money for their faithful | the flooring being usually 20 feet above the service, and started them off on their return ground. Access to the interior was obtained trip. Kroh warned them to travel fast, follow by walking up a steep tree-trunk, which had

(his name for quinine) twice every day The | cend one of these with boots was almost if not good fellows seemed quite loath to part com- quite impossible, and I fell 10 feet while trying pany, and the elephants kept looking back to- to get up. After that we removed our boots ward us until they disappeared in the jungle.

Then we made our adies to the King, and embarking in our little flotilla swept out into the current and down the river. It was mud-

dy and singgish. Snakes great and small WRIGGLED ACROSS ITS SURFACE.

ALL BUILT ON STILTS, the track we had come, and to cat "bitter" foot holes large enough for one's toes. To asan | succeeded.

We made several excursions through the

The floor and sides were bamboos lashed together at the ends, the roof was of thatch. One side was permanently closed; the other, away from the direction of the prevailing wind, open, protected by an overlanging roof. Heavy rank exhalations made themselves visi- There was little or nothing in these houses ble as well as smellable. Our boatmen were not except the rude tools used in their labor. The



our boat journey. The boats were small, flat- | men who knew the way, we bade adieu to our

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eager to cover the distance too rapidly, and un- | occupants slept on the floor, and I should judge from the bushes. Before we could get out our guns the elephant shook him off, and with a with the stream. Such slow progress did not they seemed to have none, and their ideas of

> On the second day out we reached the dividing point, where the broad stream is split in erately-high banks. We chose the eastern, or and had one great advantage which the traveler Tien-Kinng, as it would take us toward the in the East appreciates-absence of vermin.

Upon entering this our trouble began. The which we were traveling, and the Bien-ho, advance boat with Kroh ran into a snag in the hide, the survival of the fittest has weeded night, and we had to hand up and make repairs. | these pests out of the forest homes of the Quite a lot of our provisions were wet and Indo-Chinese. In the city homes they are as spoiled. While on the bank one of the rowers | plenty as during Moses's time in Egypt. was bitten by a cobra de capella, and we buried fangs through the outer leather,

> was out of his head half the time. He required a constant watch, and for fear of more | than described. snags at night we dragged anchor, and had a snakes, which, though quite harmless, are not

pleasant sleeping companions. On the fifth day we had an exciting chase after a big tiger, which we espied crossing the stream. We got close, and after firing several shots, which were not over good, owing to the rocking of the boat, succeeded in killing the beast, which, however, sank in the muddy water, so that we lost the skin and claws, Strong deses of quinine and whisky brought Jack out of his worst fever, but he was too ill to enjoy what little fun there was going on.

The scenery was the never-ending jungle and

the roasting sunlight. Fortunately we had a good moon most of the time, so we could travel at night, when it was cooler, 80° to 86°. We saw no signs of life until the sixth day, when we met three boats going up. Our boatmen stopped to talk, and we heard that in two days we would reach Mithon, a large town, where we left the river and crossed through canals and small streams to the French settlement. From Nickong we should be among

villages and, so to speak, in the world again. We got four new boatmen, our men turning back, a bag of rice forming the barter price of the exchange of boats. The mended boat was no good, so they had to go on. Our new men were so glad to be going homeward that we had to curb their zeal, for they left the provision boat far behind. Early on the morning of the 8th day we rounded a point, and the fortified city of Mithon came in sight. There were a number of rude mud forts on the river bank, on which were no guns; a dozen lofty, sharp-spired temples, and a couple of thousand mud-walled thatched houses, It made quite a pretentious showing after our five weeks | houses. Forty-five days we had toiled through in the wilderness, for though Udong is larger | the wilderness, battled with the elements, and has twice the number of inhabitants, it is | roasted under the tropical sun, and now it was

Mithon shows from the river. At first our arrival did not attract any notice, but when Phra Sri and I ascended the bank | suits, and had hoisted the American and Siamwith Jack leaning on our arms, the news spread | ese flags on our boats. like wildfire that two

"FOREIGN DEVILS"

were landing, and the whole town turned out to see them. We were glad to return to the boat, and to dispatch Kroh to purchase fresh fruit and fish. He soon returned with three natives laden with baskets of mangoes, cherian, mangotines and custard-apples, and we proved that though "foreign devils" we could est plenty of native fruit. We soon received a visit from the Governor of the City, who came on board, and upon finding who we were and from where we had come immediately invited us to his house, which we found large, clean, and delightfully cool.

Here we lingered for three days for Jack to pick up his strength, and were treated right royally by the Anamite General and Governor, They held their commissions from the French Government, and knew somewhat how civilized

The houses were of one story, built of bamboo wattles and mud, the surfaces smooth and whitewashed. The roof of the rich is tiled with curious mud tiles, forming a series of



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Chinese blouse, and a silk turban. They were Governor's house or houses (for it was a group of half-a-dozen inside the same wall) all faced

Every evening the half dozen wives would

Owing to the narrowness of the streams, we could not travel at night, and had to lodge in these houses, as the boats were overrun with two and its volume compressed between mod- | snakes. The houses were airy and fairly clean,

With the body nude, the hair cut or shaved close, no crevices in the bamboo in which to

him two hours later in the river. Jack would | to Mithon, but our progress was slow, and it have been another victim but for his big boots. | seemed a never-ending one, Sitting in a small He stepped right onto one, which drove his boat for 10 hours in the hot sun is at the best rough, but when it continues day after day for Haif a day was wasted before we got off a week, with no scenery to repay opening one's again. Then Jack succumbed to the fever, and | eyes, it gets absolutely terrible, and the condition of our minds can better be understood

"At last," shouted Jack, as he pointed to a host of visitors in the shape of small water | huge old ship-of-the-line which we could see lying moored in the river; "Saigon at last!" Sure enough, there floated the tri-color, and on



the right bank there came into view European to a great extent hidden in the jungle, while | ended. We called upon Ki for our white uniforms and cork bats, and long before we reached the landing were presentable in white duck

The sight of the flags brought a man-of-war boat quickly to the side of ours as we lay at the Government landing, when permission to debark had been refused by the sentry, who did not understand the combination of native and foreign in our flotilla. The arrival of a French Lieutenant soon changed the face of the matter, and we were most cordially invited to come off to the ship and lodge there. This we dectined, and made our way to the hotel, where we secured large and airy rooms. Ki soon came in with the baggage, and paying our boatmen we once more were free from surveil-

We were interviewed by an officer, who came to present the compliments of the French Governor, and to request the American officers to dine with him at seven. Phra Sri was also, at our suggestion, included, and we accepted. In a week the ship arrived, and we once more resumed our regular round of duty. We had been and seen and were glad to get back, for the game was not worth the candle. (To be continued.)

A Nickel Naved is \$3 Lost. [Chicago Mail.]

A tailor would have sized his waist measure a wild, haunted look in his face.

whole lot of other rubbish, haven't you?" an inflection of the voice asking what of it. bit lies. Economy means bankruptcy if you lishment which in popular comment is classed on account of the depredations, and the Coloaren't careful."

"What's the matter now?" stooping over I've busted three 15-cent cigars into smash. That shine cost me \$3 at least and it isn't half a shine, either." Then the fat man kicked himself twice, went

back into his office and fired the errand boy who owned the blacking kit. The Last Survivor of Waterloo. Lieut.-Col. William Hewett, the last of the

English officers who fought at Waterloo, died recently at Southampton, England. He was a member of the Rifle Brigade, and was administered to by his daughter during the declining years of his life, Col. Hewett was a Captain in 1815, and had serving under him as subalterns many people who afterward became nobles in England. He took part in the Baltic expedition, and was with the British army which suffered so severely in its retreat through Netherland across the frozen Scheldt.

It Attracted His Attention. [Texas Siftings.]

"Witness, were you present when the fight took place?" " I was,"

"Will you please explain how it happened?" "I was sitting quietly at a table drinking got to camp as fast as we could. At sunset we received a visit from the royal family, who betel habit their tooth were black and their what called my attention to the affair."

CHAPTER CXXVII.

INEBRIATE CURES-(continued). The efficacy of strong black coffee as a blue-devil cure" has been known for genera tions, and quinine, digitalis, chloral and carbonate of ammonium have all been used with good effect in critical cases of delirium tremens, Morphine has been recommended for the same purpose; but the specific par excellence for the cure of the drink habit is derived from the fruit and bark of the strychnos tree. It is a risky drug, and a somewhat expensive one, but for remedial purposes a small quantum of it will go a long way. Strychnine and sulphate of strychnia come in the form of whitish salts and white powders, so intensely bitter that the invisible particles can be tasted in the air on shaking a small sample from one paper into umphant possession unoppose another. The sulphate can be dissolved in water, and a drop of that solution or of the tincture of nux vomica will impart a percepti- at 9 o'clock of the morning following Thanksble flavor to a fifty-fold admixture of other giving, I entered a buggy and started out over

allay the nevousness and trembling that folnul the craving for strong drink. There encountered, to dance to. zero, sustaining in the meantime the bereaved | the est. day's course of nux vomica is out and out pref-

often overtaxed by the demand for admission. the number at D --- all the time. Each one | visit the glimpses of the moon here. of them pays \$25 a week for the treatment. This means \$17,500 per week, or \$910,000 a year, are those treated at home. Medicine for these additional \$655,200 a year. This makes a total of \$1,565,200 a year from the patients direct.

The same correspondent estimates the actual expenses of the institute at less than 20 per cent, of its profits, though in that estimate the cost of compounding the medicine itself is only a minor item. And, moreover, the active prinfor a single bottle. The success of the enterprise, at such terms, would, indeed, appear almost inexplicable if the faith in the efficacy of the supplementary directions and the direct For, among the patrons of the D-sani-

tarium and of many ordinary inebriate asylums, a good many come rather reluctantly, or like poor "Fritz" Emmett, in deference to the vows of reform have invariably been broken, but should they not be benefited by a few weeks' sojourn at an establishment that has dismissed so many of its patients as eured? That hope, however, is apt to get wrecked against a natural and not unfrequent contingency. The involuntary prisoner (never much opportunities of escape and resolves to retrieve things by simulating recovery.

Gratitude of a rather demonstrative sort is the first symptom of that scheme. So glad he came; will hasten home to carry the joyful tidings of his redemption to his poor wife and children; only fears that his remaining days will be too short to compensate the services of

Delay produces a chance in the program of proceedings. The patient vehemently professes his abhorence of strong drink, but complains of restlessness; confinement has never agreed with him; he will continue to pay full rates for medical advice by mail, but would much prefer a change of air and surroundings. He gets homesick; the doctor hesitates, but has to yield, and the end of it is that the schemer is dismissed as thoroughly restoredredeemed as far as his appetency for strong drink is concerned, but still suffering from certain after effects that promise to yield to a change of climate and scenery. Poor Fritz regains his freedom, makes a break for his wonted baunts, and only too soon the "after effects" of his passion become visible in the form of large bottles protruding from his coattail pockets.

Restraint thus goes for naught, and perhaps may even prove to aggravate the malignity of the next relapse. The benefits of the chemical antidote remain with the patient; but for how long? Will his appetite return as soon as the prescription of the expensive specific is discontinued? Will be become a slave to that speat 48 inches, and as he stepped out of a com- cific as he was to wine or rum? are questions mission house on South Water street there was that have been discussed in the preceding

"Say," he observed to an acquaintance next | The result of the experiment, however, might you've heard that 'economy is wealth'; as well be decided at home. The direct expenses that 'a penny saved is a penny earned,' and a of that plan would be less than one-fifth of the "Well, yes," and in the admission there was the additional advantage of retaining his self- sulets. There has been considerable difficulty onto it, and we are enabled to see them, as we respect and avoiding the opprobrium of a com- on account of the persistent and constant forag- see any other object, externally. "You have, bey? Well, it's all lies-every mitment to a "drunkard's institute," an establing by his men. Complaints came in every day

with reform farms and lunatic asylums. The influence of the antidote will assert itself "Matter?" and there was a whole volume of | before the end of the third day so unmistakably | man caught poaching from the citizens should minion solid in the exclamation. "Why, just | indeed that self-treating patients might be | be shot. now, to save a nickel, I tried to black my boots. | tempted to discontinue the prescription too At the first brush my eye-glasses dropped off | soon and rely on the permanence of their temand broke on the floor. The next trip I made | porary aversion to alcohol. The opposite mis-I broke a suspender, and now I notice that in | take, however, should be likewise avoided, and

The highest place, among all blood-medicines, belongs to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. See if you don't think so, when you consider how it's sold to you. It's guaranteed - and no other medicine of the kind is. If it ever fails to benefit or cure, you have your money back. Wouldn't every medicine make the same terms if it could do as much good ! But the "Discovery" acts dif-ferently, just as it's sold differ-ently. It's not like the sarsapa-March, April, and May. All the year round, with equal benefit, it

rillas, which claim to do good in cleanses, purifies and invigorates the whole system. All Blood, Skin and Scalp Diseases, from a com-mon blotch or eruption to the worst Scrofula, are cured by it. For Salt-rheum, Tetter, Eczema, Erysipelas, Boils, Carbuncles, Sore Eyes, Goiter or Thick Neck, and Enlarged Glands, Tumors, and Swellings, it's a remedy that noth-

ing can equal. It's the cheapest one, too. With this, you pay only for the good you get. Refuse worthless substitutes.

it can do no harm, after a week or so, to discontinue or diminish the dose in a tentative way, to lessen the risk of the antidote becoming the object of a chronic stimulant habit. (To be continued.)

IN THE TRENCHES.



Out the Boydton Plank Road-Who Took Battery Gregg! HE question of who captured Battery Gregg is at last definitely settled. I did it myself, Friday, Nov. 27, and can prove it by Mr. Newman, who lives near. I found it defended by a barbed-wire fence, which ran along the road. Scaling this with the assistance of the young man who drove my buggy, I charged boldly into the moat without firing a shot, clambered up the parapet and took tri-

But to begin at the beginning. Leaving my comfortable quarters at the hotel in Petersburg. the old Boydton Plank Road, having in view a One-sixth to one-half of a grain is a dose, and visit to the battlefield of that name. My the acrid taste can be counteracted by a few driver was a post bellum sprout, who knew a drops of gineger-water and sugar. Taken five | little something of the road but nothing of its times a day, with a larger dose after supper, historical significance. How often a large the effect of the prescription is specific and unmistakable. It will stimulate digestion, road he had no idea whatever. I knew, however, of at least three occasions when they lows the sudden withdrawal of alcoholic tramped or skirted its plankless mire, and made stimulants, and not only diminish but an- lively music for the Yanks, whom they finally

is a story of a man who distracted his neigh- Having once got outside of the city the drive bors by making his dog howl horribly is a very pleasant one. We ride nearly two every morning, and who finally explained that | miles to the southwest before reaching the main he wanted to cut the cur's tail off, but being | rebel line of fortifications. This line extended the owner of a compassionate soul, he thought originally from the Appointion River on the it more merciful to perform the operation by east of the town southerly, westerly, and northinstallments The same sort of kindness would | erly, till it again reached the river on the west, seem to have suggested the "tapering-off" plan | thus offering a defense for the city on three of curing the alcohol habit. That plan consists | sides. The salients and outworks in this line in reducing the toper's allowance from a pint | pierced for batteries were all numbered from of rum to a spoonful per day, and finally to No. 1 on the east to No. 50 or thereabouts on

brother's strength with moral appeals and At my first point of contact with the line in black coffee. The fractional allowance adds | this expedition stands Battery 40. It is where slipperiness to the difficulties of the narrow | the plank road crosses the Weldon Railroad. path; the reformant is apt to experience a The old intrenchment, which is still conspicubackslide any moment, and in the meantime ous in the landscape, runs along south of the his moral and physical status is not a pleasant | Boydton road for nearly a mile, when it crosses one; far less so than that of the total renouncer | to the north. At this point the works are still who (if favored by luck) can tide over the sore | very strong, Fort Lee on the left remarkably first month with diverting occupations, or else | so. It is from here that Lee ran his new line A virulent drug five times a day, even in half- parallel with the Boydton road, to cut off the grain doses, cannot be expected to fill a man's frequently recurring attempts of the Union indefinite soreness and fatigue following a whole, scarcely been disturbed since the war. Half a mile westward from Fort Lee as we | the skiff toward them again. "Doncement!"

erable to the gnawing torture of the unsatisfied | ride, and perhaps half a dozen rods to the north | whispered Paul. His associate, still more gently, alcohol thrist,-a thirst which in its extreme of the road, stands Battery Gregg, already al- guided the boat to the left, till only one light What terms human beings will accept to approach to Chesterfield bridge over the North | Cautiously the silent carsman again turned inebriate's sanitarium in a large Northwestern | tially obscures its outlines. The parapet in | the water, contracting gradually, grew procity, where extensive accommodations, supple- front is still well preserved, and from the ex- portionately more brilliant. As it contracted the "Seven hundred patients," writes a special being enfolded in legendary lore which must last the eye of the great saurian glittered as if correspondent, "would be a low estimate of be amusing to the spirits of the dead which re- he had the "Koh-i-noor" itself in his head.

It is a matter of quite authentic record, I | within 10 yards of the reptile. The glow of believe, that Gibbon's assaulting columns num- | the lantern flashed along the barrel of the riflefor the local patients alone. In addition there bered about 5,000 men, while the "fort" was for a few seconds; then came the ringing redefended by a somewhat mixed force of in- port. The light on the water instantly went is shipped at \$9 a case. An average of 200 cases | fantry, mainly North Carolinians, numbering | out, and the glow of the lantern, now shining are sent from D - every day, making an | 250 in all, who made a foolbardy and reckless | in a circle only a few feet in diameter over the contest to hold the place. They did hold it for place where it disappeared, showed only a few a time, until 220 of their number were struck foamy bubbles and little whirlpools. Thirty But, besides, branches are being constantly down, when the remainder were made prisoners. seconds passed in silence; then an immense established all over the country, and from \$10,000 to \$15,000 cash is paid before the right established all over the country, and from the depths below above the surface of the water, and, rolling over nearly 600 men killed and wounded-a num- above the surface of the water, and, rolling over to establish one is given. At least \$500,000 has ber under all circumstances comparatively on its back, showed the broad yellow-white been paid in this way by the branches already small, but still creditable as a brave defense by belly of an enormous alligator. The shudder-

But this disparity, large as it may seem, dose | a few minutes; then, spasmodically stretching not satisfy the florid imagination of the average | and stiffening its ugly legs and feet, and leap-Southerner. It does not sufficiently mark the | ing half its length in the air, fell back again, supposed superiority of the Southern soldier | beating the water with its tail in blows soundover his Northern brother; hence, I was not | ing as loud as the report of the weapon which ciple of that compound has only a trifling wholly unprepared for a statement made to me had slain him. "Moi tue li," muttered Paul market value compared with the price charged | later by Mr. Newman, who lives just west of | in an accent of quiet triumph. His associate, Battery Gregg. Mr. Newman claims to have after a few exclamations of more voluble adbeen in just one battle, and in that under | miration, rolled another cigarette, and quietly duress. I asked him if he had any relies of the turned his boat off in search of other game. In Gregg fight. He had none, stating that when a few hours of this hunting five alligators were medical supervision did not prove a paramount | Lee's monument was dedicated in Petersburg | shot. inducement to thousands of patients and their a few months ago, more than 2,000 people came out and dug over old Fort Gregg for some memento of the fight, and carried away besides everything which he had picked up.

I ventured to remark that it seemed an act of folly for the garrison to have sold their own said to be cannibals, and their tails, possessed urgent appeals of their families. At home their lives so dearly for a merely temporary advantage which also involved a killing and hairy and smooth. The negress the Doctor maiming of nearly 600 more. Then Mr. Newman stood amazed. "Six hundred! Why they owned her said that all her tribe had tails. killed 18,000 of your men. They fought till | The tail of the negress in question terminated only two Confederates were left alive in the | in a point and was about two inches long, and fort." And he looked at me with an expression her former owner asserted that the tails someof pity that I should have been so misinformed. times reached the length of 10 inches. This of a patient) soon comes to regret the neglected | I mildly suggested that as this was about three | brings up a flood of reminiscences of tailed times as many men as Gibbon had with him it people. Some time ago the newspapers gave an

could be correct. This evidently did not convince him, but apparently gave him the feeling that he had encountered one of those hard-headed or prejudiced Yankees whom it was useless to argue with a tail. The same peculiarity was promiwith, and so he turned the subject, and I soon | nent with one of the lad's grandfathers. A

Right here on this question of authentic | Guinea, both males, who had come on board the history I am remiuded to say that the South, ship of a Dutch Captain. They each possessed or at least this part of it, is engaged in the tails an inch and a half in length. Another practical teaching of the history of the last | instance is that of a Moi boy, in Cochin China, war. At the Crater, which I visited the day | who had a great mass of flesh, without any before, I was informed by Mr. Griffiths, the | bone whatever, attached to his spinal cord. proprietor, that only a few days before a teacher of Petersburg had been down there with his entire class, accompanied by Gen. Wm. Mahone, who had been invited to explain the battle to the boys and girls.

Very likely the same class, under the lead of its eminently-practical teacher, will visit Battery Gregg, if it has not already done so. Should it depend upon such a reservoir of misinformation as that which inspires the florid to a many-branched tree, and is produced in rodomontade of my friend Newman, we may expect at least one more "crop" of Southern brothers to be raised with the notion that one of them can thrash five Yankees. I apprehend nothing serious from this con-

tingency, but regret that the two sections cannot unite upon a school history of the war acceptable to both-and correct. To Hatcher's Run later .- B., Boston.

THE FIERCE SHEEP.

A certain regiment had for a Colonel probanel at last became so annoyed that one day on dress parade it was announced that the first

Peter Elder was a member of the regiment. He was a stout, strapping fellow, and was known to be the most reckless forager of the lot. He had spent week after week in the guard house for his chicken stealing, but it did not stop him. He always had some plausible story to tell when caught at his favorite amusement, and his comrades all wondered whether this last menace on the part of the Colonel would have any deterring effect.

Pete one day in broad daylight was seen walking into camp with a small-sized dead lamb hanging over his shoulder. He made no attempt whatever to hide it, but marched boldly toward his quarters. His course led him directly past the Colonel's tent. That officer knew Pete well. The rascal had in fact been so often before the Colonel that they had ample chance to become acquainted. The Colonel saw him at this time and he

called out: "Hello there, Pete, what have you got on your shoulder?" "Jest got a young sheep, Colonel," said Pete. "Where did you get it?" asked the Colonel. "Jest down the road, about two mile,

Colonel." "Did you buy it, Pete?" "No, sir: I didn't buy no sheep." "Well, did you steal it?"

in self-protection. I tell you, Colonel, I ain't other Little things that you think will supprise the man to let no sheep bite me."

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People with Tails. Dr. Hubsch, of Constantinople, examined a tailed negress who belonged to the Niam Niams, of Central Africa. These savages are by both men and women, are described as being examined was a slave, and the dealer who seemed hardly possible that his statement account of a boy who was born in England, and who had an appendage nearly two inches long, which he frequently wagged to express pleasure. Dr. Hubsch well remembers the son of a physician of Constantinople who was born after resumed my journey toward Hatcher's few years ago the Berlin Anthropological Society had the case of two natives of New

Shadows of Venus, Purkinja discovered a very simple and highly-entertaining experiment by means of which the retina, with all its veins and bloodvessels standing out in relief against it, can be thrown into the air before one's eyes. It is called the arborescent figure, from its likeness the following manner:

In a dark room at night move a candle backward and forward before the eyes, these being firmly fixed on the wall beyond. After a few seconds the air will assume a reddish appearauce, and running over it in all directions may be seen the veins and blood-vessels in bold relief, while toward the center of the figure there rises up a dark trunk, from which the

veins branch out on all sides, The trunk is visible where the optic nerve enters the eye, and this experiment is chiefly interesting to the student as proving that the parts of the retina which actually receive and produce the sensation of light must lie behind sanitarium charges, and the patient would have | bly as strict a disciplinarian as ever wore ep- | the blood-vessels, since these cast their shadow

No Dignity to Lose,

For some months past, and at the time of his appointment to the Senate, Hou, Charles Hopper Gibson, of Maryland, was a candidate for Clerk of the House of Representatives. It is related that before he decided to become a candidate for that position he asked Judge Culbertson, of Texas, whether he thought it was beneath the dignity of a member of the 51st Congress to seek the Clerkship of the 52d. The Texan drew a long breath and emitted a vigor-

ous "Humph!" before replying.
"Gibson," said he, "in my time I've seen an ex-member of Congress on the Washington police force. I've seen one packing seed in the Agricultural Bureau for \$1.25 a day. I've seen another cleaning spittoons for the United States Senate. There's one down in Texas who is chief of a three-card monte gang. No. Gibson, I don't think you will sacrifice any dignity by becoming a candidate for Clerk."

> Wants to be Surprised. [Chicago Tribune.]

Little Dot is a Chicago girl. Her father is a traveling man. She wrote the following letter to him the other evening:

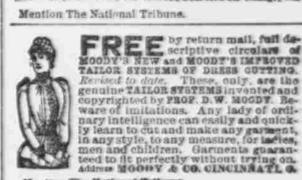
Dear Father when you come home for crismas I want you to bring me a great Big doll that winks its eyes and has real Hair and a carrage for to ride it in and some candy with english walnuts stuck all through it and a box of games and a neahs Ark and some more "Weil, now, see here, Colonel, I ain't goin' to | candy and a book about giants and faireys and tell you no lie. I was coming along the road a Gold ring. And I want a nice crismas tree quietly and peaceably enough, when that there | and some candels to burn on it and a pair of critter made straight for me. I jest killed it | nice mittens and some more candy and any

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